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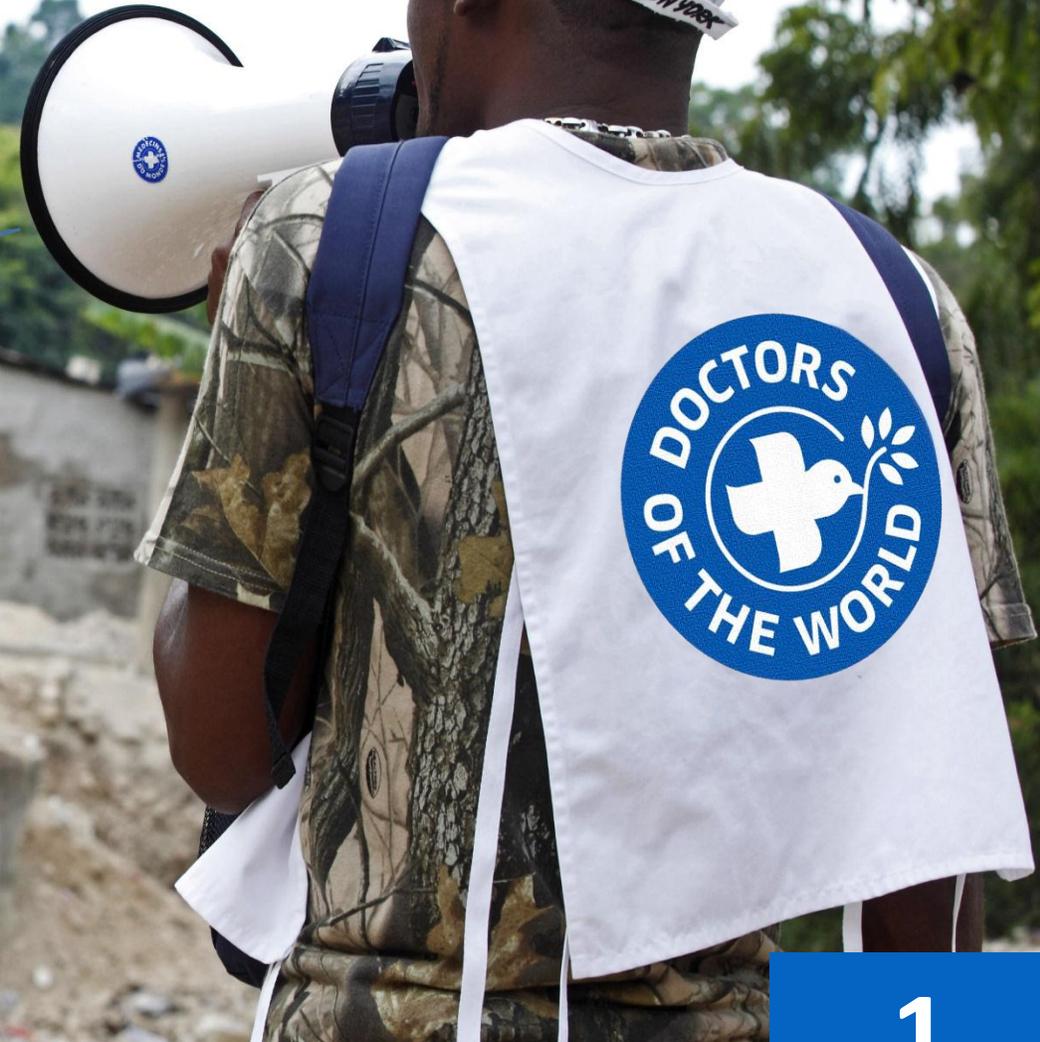
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# Our Vision

A world in which *vulnerable* people affected by *war*, natural *disasters*, *disease*, *hunger*, *poverty* or *exclusion* get the **Healthcare** they need regardless of income or status.



# Médecins Du Monde Network



300 Projects



70 countries



3000 volunteers

# Our Programmes



**Conflict & Crisis**



**Women & Girls**



**People at risk of harm**



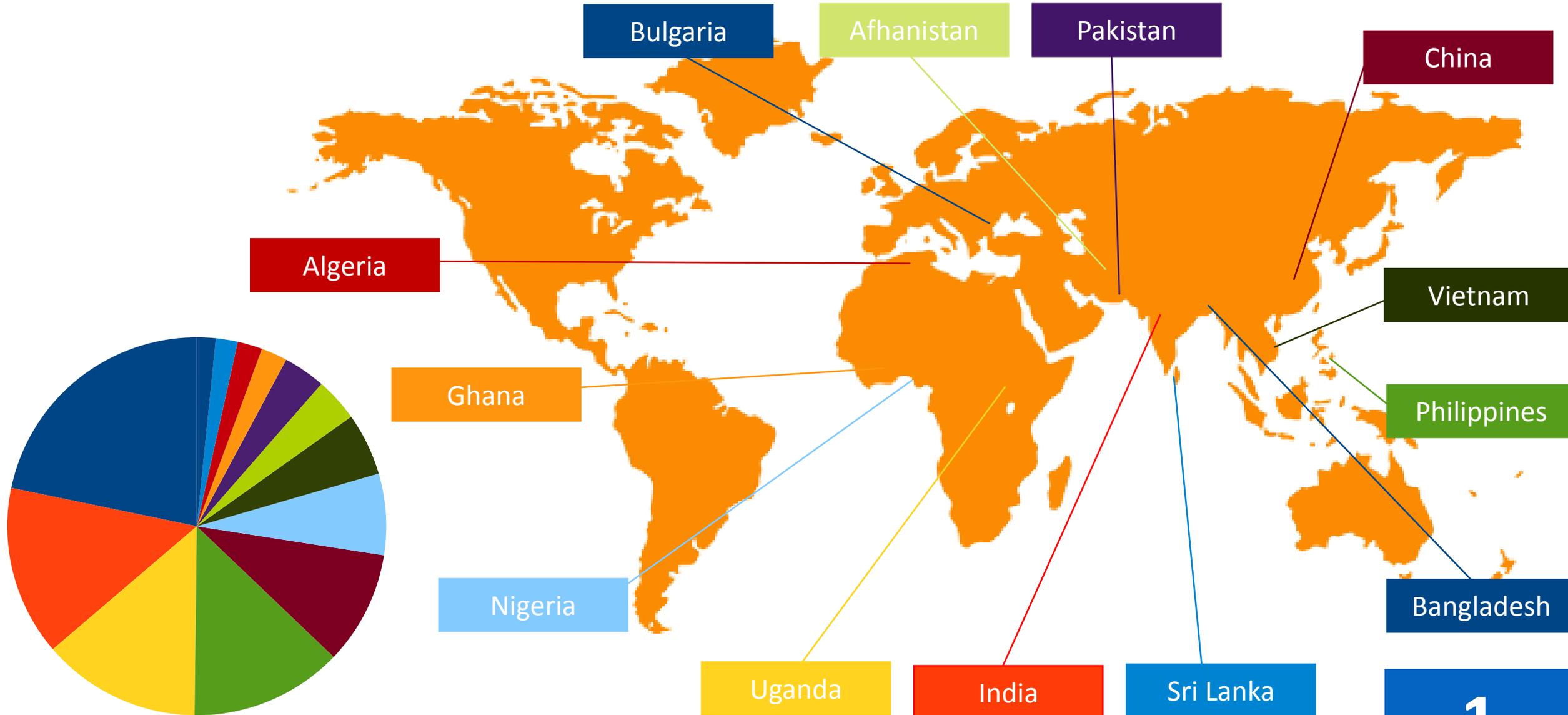
**Vulnerable migrants**



# Our London Clinic



# Our Patients



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# **ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE**

IN A EUROPE IN SOCIAL CRISIS

Focus on pregnant women and children



The documented effects of crisis and austerity throughout Europe

Impact on women's and children's health

Policies based on fear and intolerance instead of evidence based policies

Some positive changes in national policies, rare and all the more noteworthy

# Living conditions & experiences

62.4% live in unstable accommodation  
34.8% feel that their housing affects their & their children's health  
15.6% have no one to rely on in case of needs

76.3% have experienced violence :

77.3% of men and 42.4% of women have lived in countries at war  
20% of the women have suffered psychological violence  
10% have been sexually assaulted or molested  
6% of women have been raped

About 20% of the experiences of violence occur *after* arrival in the "host" EU country

# Health



26.1% are in poor or very poor perceived health (9.7% among the general population in the EU)

27.6% in poor or very poor mental health

Diagnosed health problems:

mainly gastro-intestinal, cardiovascular, muscle-skeletal

and psycho-psychiatry (10.4%): anxiety, stress, psychosomatic disorders and depression

4 patients out of 10 required essential treatments according to physicians

Nearly 30% of patients had a health problem that had **never** been treated before coming to MdM

# Pregnant women and children



## Pregnant women

30% have nobody to rely on in case of needs

89.1% < poverty threshold of the host country

63.7% have no residence permit

**83.5% have no health care coverage**

**65.9% had no access to prenatal care**

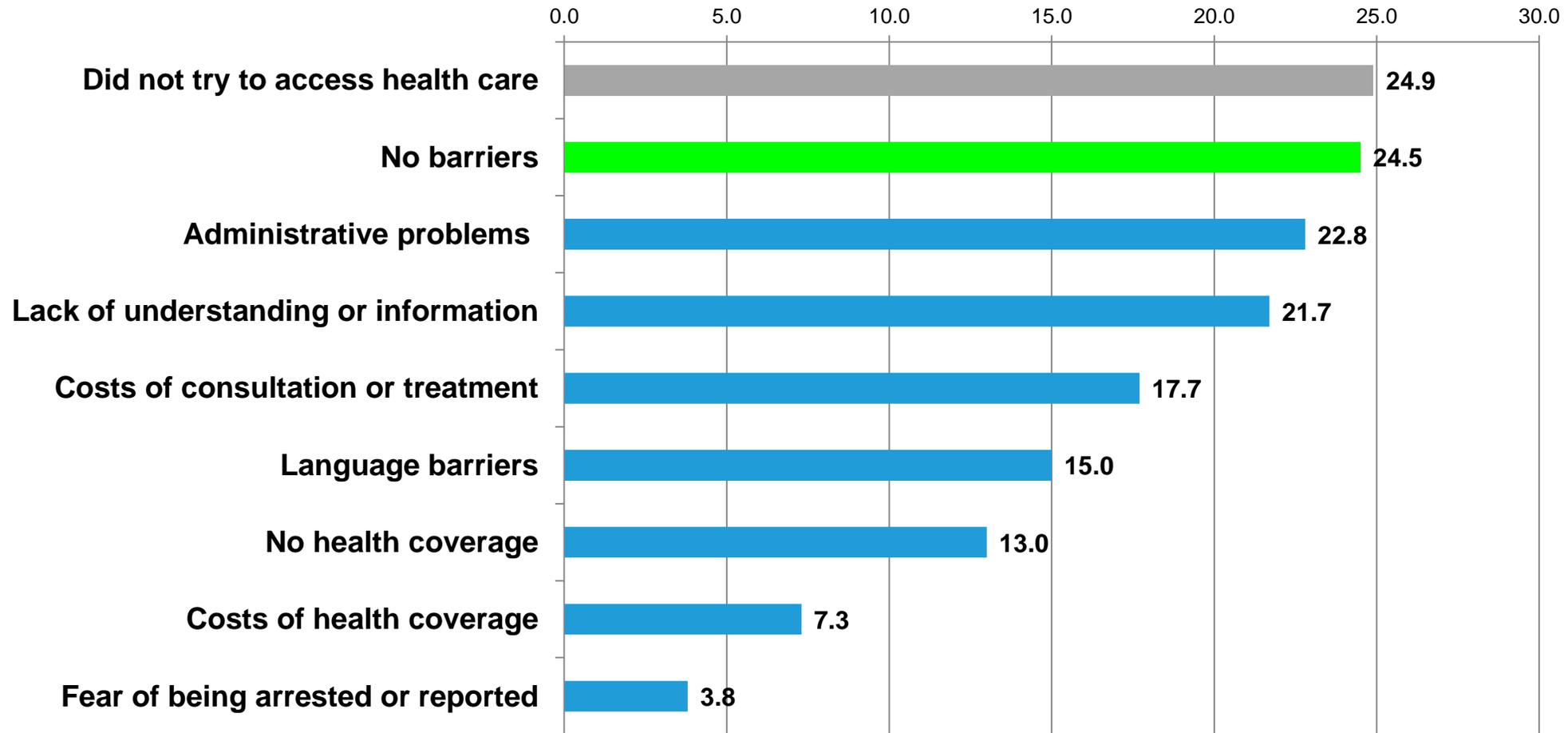
42.8% had received late prenatal care—among those who had access (i.e. after the 12th week)

## Children

Only 50% are vaccinated against tetanus

70% are not vaccinated (or don't know if they are) against HBV, measles, and/or whooping cough

# Barriers to healthcare



# Our demands

Universal public health systems built on solidarity, equality and equity, open to everyone living in all EU Member States, rather than systems based on a profit rationale

Coherent infectious disease policies across Europe, *i.e. without excluding anybody* – cf. ECDC recommendations

The *protection of seriously ill migrants* who cannot access adequate healthcare in their country of origin (cf. Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe)

**In order to achieve more universal access, groups facing multiple vulnerability factors need to be rendered more visible in national and international health data collection systems.**



# UK



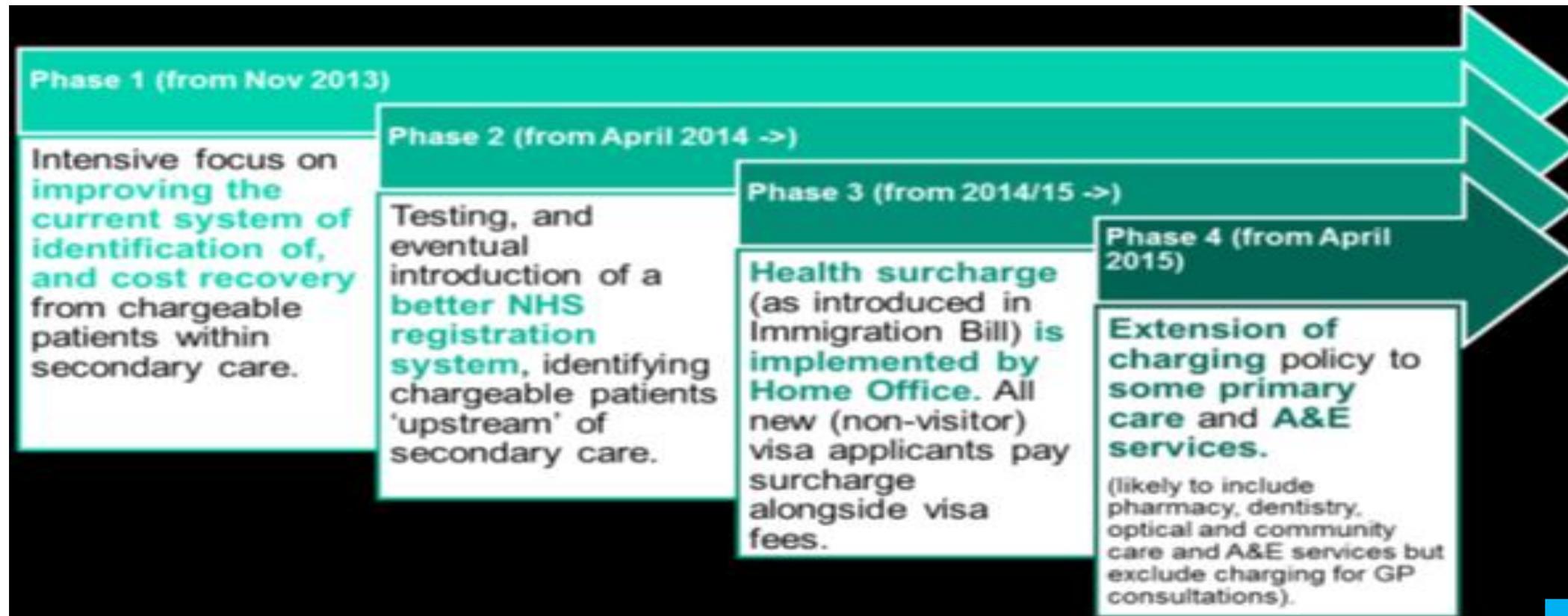
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# UK Immigration Act & Department of Health migrant and visitor cost recovery plan



# Demos

“Ensuring fair use of the NHS efficiently and effectively...”

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## DO NO HARM

Max Wind-Cowie  
Claudia Wood

‘The government should:

- consider setting up triage clinics
- impose blanket exemptions for children who need NHS care
- establish a principle of one-way information sharing
- educate the administrators
- impose a rolling impact assessment’

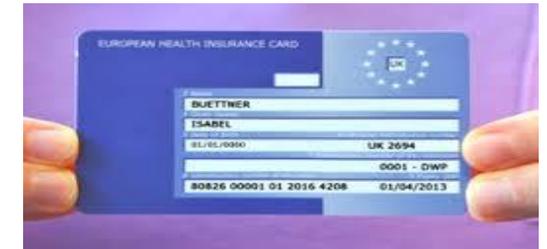
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**Primary care remains free for all**



**Surcharge and exemptions**



**EHIC card**

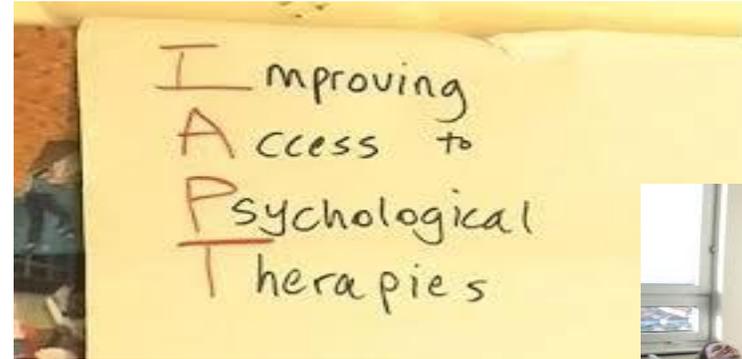


**Immediately Necessary and Urgent Treatment must always be provided**

# What has changed?



Consultation in the autumn



'Deprioritised'

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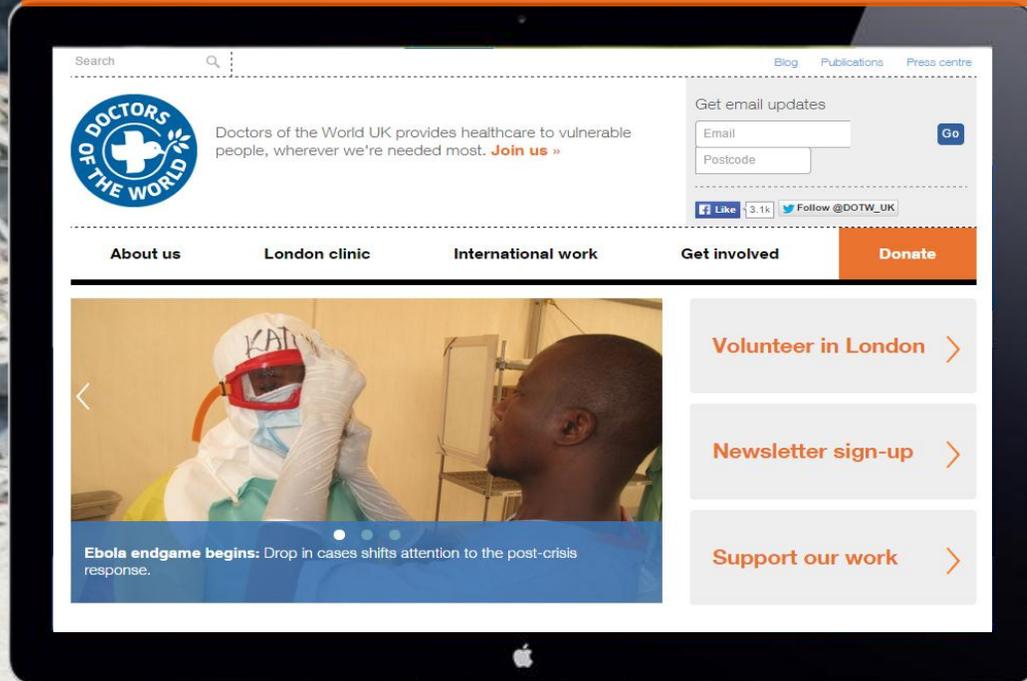


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# Thank You

